Linking of Ganga-Cauvery Rivers

1422. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to link Ganga and Cauvery rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c). A National Perspective for Water Resource Development has been prepared by Government which envisages inter-linkages between various Peninsular rivers and Himalayan rivers separately for transfer of water from water surplus basins to water deficit basins for optimum utilisation of Water Resources. Government has established National Water Development Agency (NWDA) in 1982 to prepare feasibility reports for the water transfer links. 36 water transfer links, 27 under Peninsular Component and 19 under Himalayan Component have been proposed.

The Water transfer link proposals connecting Ganga with Cauvery are as under :

(i) Brahmaputra-Ganga link

(ii) Ganga (at Farakka)-Durgapur-Subernarekha link

(iii) Subernarekha-Mahanadi link

(iv) Mahanadi-Godavari link

(v) Godwari-Krishna link

(a) Godavari (Polavaram) - Krishna (Vijayawada) link

(b) Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link

(c) Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Pulichintalla) link

(vi) Krishna - Pennar link

(a) Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) - Pennar (Somasila)

(b) Krishna (Srisailam) - Pennar (Proddatur) link

(c) Krishna (Almatti) - Pennar link

(vii) Pennar Somasila-Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link.

[Translation]

AIDS

1423. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether 40 to 80 lakh Indians are likely to be affected by dangerous AIDS virus by the end of this century?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : No, Sir, it is just an estimate.

[English]

Leprosy and Dengue Fever

1424. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO :
SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE :
SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR :
SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK :
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :
SHRI PITAMBAR PASWAN :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the incidents of leprosy and dengue fever are on the increase in the capital and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number of estimated leprosy patients during the last three years, State-wise break-up and percentage of increase/decrease;

(c) the details of funds allocated and actual expenditure incurred on leprosy eradication and rehabilitation schemes during the last three years, scheme-wise and State-wise;

(d) the details of Central funds and international funds made available and actually utilised under the programme during the above period;

(e) whether bungling of crores of rupees from the fund so received has come to the notice of the Government;

(f) if so, whether any investigation has been made in this regard;

(g) if so, the outcome thereof;

(h) the action taken against the persons found guilty therein; and

(i) the steps taken to prevent the increase and also to eradicate dengue fever from the capital and other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) There was an outbreak of dengue recently in Delhi which has been brought under control. Incidence of leprosy in the country is not increasing. However due to detection of old hidden cases, intensification of the programme and immigrant patients, there has been an increase in the reported cases in the capital.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The details of assistance sanctioned and released to the States during the last three years is given at Statement - I.

Government of India has an agreement with World Bank for a total assistance of Rs. 302 crores to be spent